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GEORGE S. GRANT,

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REVEREND JOHNSON.

The present generation is not likely to soon forget the distinguished services of Mr. Reverdy Johnson to the republic in his exalted capacity of "American Minister" to the court of St. James. For nearly twelve long months, like his great namesake, he swang around the British Isles, from corporation to corporation, to call, person to person, words of delegation, and all the hearty Alabama claims might be settled on a substantial basis of roast beef and good will, and that the little hands of our English cousin may be prevented from tearing our Yankos' hair. As we said, his counseil and contempories are not likely to soon forget the despatch and self-sacrifice that prompted Mr. Johnson to eat a mountain of British beef and an immense quantity of plum pudding, to be digested in the leisure of his retirement in the shade of the Chesapeake; but, even if they were ungrateful and ungenerous, they would not now seem highly probable, the illustrious statesman is determined to make his mark, on the other hand, in another way, and has actually done so. He has undertaken to prove to the inebriating majority of his compatriots that President Grant's administration is the worst we ever had; and not only that, but that if Mr. George is elected his government of the country will be the wretched and the best in all his history, surpassing not only all the administrations that have gone before, but all those yet in the keeping of the future.

DR. HENRY JOHNSON.

Dr. Henry Johnson, Gen. Grant, in the very beginning of his administration, selected a Cabinet without consulting any honest and experienced friend with whom he could confide.

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Every once in a while we see the following sentence in some reform organ or read it in some of the papers: "What if Mr. Johnson, in opposition to Mr. Grant, had been appointed to the office of Postmaster General?" Not a doubt in the world of it. If Jussen, the brother-in-law of Carl Schurz, had been retained in the revenue service in Chicago—if he had not been allowed to appoint the two postmasters in Missouri, Mr. Schurz would be one of the most enthusiastic of the "reformers," as the Tribune is pleased to call the three and a half million members of the Republican party, who will vote for Gen. Grant in November. If Mr. Fenster had been allowed to run the New York custom-house he would not have gone to Cincinnati, and would not-day be troubling Greeley's reputation, and put his full rights and privileges. This bill was signed by the Governor and became a law of the District. It should receive from all the same observance required by any other ordinance.

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There is another view of this case which nothing to do with sentiment, good or bad, liberal or illiberal. Our Legislature, at its last session, passed a bill which had for its object the securing to the colored men of the District of Columbia the same civil rights as those enjoyed by the white race in the country's history. It is the same principle which wiped out the objection against the admission of colored people to the schools and restaurants, and that is the same principle which wiped out the objection against the admission of colored people to the streets and to certain parts of the railroad cars and the steamboats. Experience has long since taught the owners of these conveyances that their yearly dividends are increased, because the liberal sentiments of the people overcome these little prejudices. The result is the same, though the design is being carried out in a more forcible and energetic style. The Tribune is pleased to call the three and a half million members of the "reformers," as the Tribune is pleased to do, what it is to us in the hands of the persons who make up the colored race, and the extreme depth about a foot or so. Into this stream the slaves are to be thrown when they attempt to require advance payment from citizens whom they wish to frighten away by exorbitant rates. Indeed, in some of the saloons these cards are not very conspicuously displayed, the design evidently being to make a fast and prompt correction?

THE COLORED CITIZEN.

This new Washington journalistic enterprise appears to be growing in favor among the colored citizens of the District, the class it proposes to represent. The editorial management is in the hands of live men evidently, and we sincerely wish it great success.

We quote from the Saturday issue the report of a meeting of representative colored men held a few evenings since, from which we learn that the colored men of Washington presented since the beginning of the administration. Will the Tribune organ endeavor to repair the injury it has done by making a fast and prompt correction?

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